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PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSE
NEW DELHI
June 30, 1963

Dear Dr. Jagan,

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1963.

We have been following the unhappy developments in British Guiana during the last few months. As you know, we have always supported independence for colonial territories before every international forum, particularly in the United Nations. Despite the naked Chinese aggression on our territory which has been our greatest concern during the last nine months or so and has absorbed almost all our attention, India has not relaxed her efforts to further the objectives of India's foreign policy, one of the main planks of which is freedom for colonial countries. The Indian delegation to the United Nations Special Committee of 24 on Decolonisation has done whatever it could to help in the process of decolonisation. I am informed that recently this Committee has decided to set up a Sub-Committee to seek the best means to make British Guiana independent as quickly as possible.

Beyond what the Indian delegation does at the United Nations, I am also prepared to use whatever influence I have with the people directly concerned. However, it does not seem to me as if the present is the most appropriate moment for such an intervention.

I have not yet met Mr. P.N. Dhar of Delhi University. Perhaps he has not yet returned to Delhi. I will gladly see him at a convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

Jawaharlal Nehru